

28 January 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 28 January 1959

PRESENT: Mr. Bradford (USIA), Mr. Dulles, Mr. Gray, Mr. Herter,
Mr. Scribner, Mr. J. Smith, Mr. B. Smith

1. Possible Exploitation of Situation Regarding Cardinal Mindszenty

Mr. Gray and Mr. Scribner asked whether the Board felt that full advantage was being taken by the U.S. of the possible opportunity for propaganda exploitation inherent in the situation of Cardinal Mindszenty. It was pointed out by other members of the Board that it is impossible for the U.S. to make further capital out of this situation and that everything feasible has been done. It was explained, for example, that the Hungarian government refused to allow Mindszenty to leave the country to attend the convocation of cardinals in Rome,* and that that country seized the opportunity to berate the American government for its continued granting of asylum to a "war criminal."

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2. Policy on Use of Surplus Commodities

Mr. Smith briefed the Board on the problems which confront the ICA in connection with the use of PL 480 commodities, with special reference to assistance to agricultural countries which produce crops which are in surplus supply in the U.S. The members agreed that certain changes would be desirable in the existing policies but felt that this is a delicate political situation and that great care must be exercised in formalizing any such change.

3. Foreign Students in the U.S.

Mr. Herter suggested that consideration be given to establishing closer contact between the U.S. Government and the approximately

50,000 foreign students studying in this country. He pointed out that the great majority of these have no connection with government-sponsored exchange programs. It was agreed that it would be useful to draw up plans for contacting such students not only while they are in residence here but also after they return to their own countries. State and USIA were asked to look into the matter and report back to the Board at some time in the future.


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